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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 16, 2007, please amend this application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2.

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